

The decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair Broadcasting is allowed to use public airwaves free of charge and by law is obligated to serve the public interest. When large media conglomerates in essence control the airwaves, the public get more and more programming designed to serve the corporation's bottom line, not the public interest.

The action of Sinclair Broadcasting show why we need to strength media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.